

## **Property Crimes in the Foothills Area Command January 4 - 6, 2019:**

<u>6 Stolen Vehicles:</u> 13100-block of Wenonah Ave SE, 700-block of Stephen Moody SE, 1800-block of Betts St NE, 10000-block of Menaul Blvd NE, 12000-block of Skyline Rd NE, 13100-block of Central Ave NE.

<u>4 Commercial Burglaries</u>: 300-block of Muriel St NE, 12000-block of Skyline Rd NE, 400-block of Tramway Blvd NE, 1500-block of Tramway Blvd NE.

<u>5 Residential Burglaries:</u> 800-block of Piedra Vista Rd NE (kicked in door), 11900-block of Horseshoe Trl SE (entry via back door), 800-block of Hope Pl NE (entry by back sliding glass door), 13300-block of Mountainview Ave NE (victim opened door to friend who demanded \$40 or a microwave oven and took the oven), 12000-block of Skyline Rd NE (dog sitter left apt door unlocked when getting something from their vehicle and apt broken into and a firearm stolen).

<u>5 Auto Burglaries</u>: 12000-block of Zanjero Rd SE (2 guns stolen from vehicle with no apparent forced entry), two incidents on the 13100-block of Central Ave NE, 500-block of Tramway Blvd NE, 13100-block of Oriente Ave NE.

Entries: Unforced entries (4), damaged door lock (1).

<u>Items left in unattended vehicles that were stolen</u>: Two guns. Social Security card and IDs and house keys left in vehicle while at the movies. Lap top stolen while parked at movie theatre. Social Security card and birth certificate. Wallet and contents, pocketknife.

<u>Crime Prevention notes:</u> One of our stolen vehicle reports involved giving a 'friend' keys to an apartment and the friend stole the victim's vehicle when both were in Dulce, NM. Then the 'friend' used the apartment key given to her to break in and steal that person's second vehicle. *Key custody is critical* – review who has your keys to vehicles and homes and why – if the relationship is not a trustworthy one or has changed over time, it's time to consider changing the locks!

Four of five reported auto burglaries over the weekend were involving no apparent methods of forced entries. It is a serious community safety and police officer safety issue to ever *leave a gun in a vehicle and walk away*. If you can't take it inside a movie theater or your destination, then it's better to secure it at home to protect that weapon from being stolen and used in further crimes.

Be safe! Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist / IPCS, NCPS - Albuquerque Police Department, Foothills Area Command